

FOOD FOR RETAIL SALE LABELING REQUIREMENTS

The labeling requirements for each of the three different food presentation methods differ somewhat.

Foods packaged in advance of sale and displayed on shelves, in coolers, etc. for customer accessibility - must be completely labeled before being

offered for sale. This means that each package must be labeled with:

1. The **Statement of Identity** (the common or usual name of product);
2. The **Net Quantity Statement** (weight, volume, or count as appropriate);
3. An **Ingredient Statement** for all products comprised of two or more ingredients;
4. A **Declaration of Responsibility** (the name, street address, city, state, and zip code of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor); and
5. A **Nutrition Facts statement** in an FDA format (unless the food qualifies for an exemption from this portion of the label).

Bulk Self-Service Foods – dispensers must be labeled with:

1. Statement of Identity (name of product),
2. The cost = price per pound (or per each in some instances), ingredient statement (smallest letter no smaller than 1/8" height),
3. A Nutrition Facts statement **if** Health or Nutritional statement or claim is made (i.e. low fat, diet, healthy, sodium free, etc.).

See the requirements in 4-6(2)(a)(iii) & 4-6-(2)(b) of Agriculture's Food Protection Rule, R70-530, promulgated under the authority of Section 4-5-17 UCA.

Full-Service Foods – do not need to be labeled in advance of sale. However, employees serving customers must have complete and accurate ingredient information to answer customer's questions. If a health or nutritional statement is made about a product, Nutrition Facts information must also be available to consumers.

The Basic Labeling Guideline discusses requirements for location of required information, prominence, print sizes, etc. The smallest print on a package may be no smaller than 1/16" height. Ingredient information on bulk self-service food displays may be no smaller than 1/8" height. Whenever there are print height requirements, always measure the lower case letter "o" unless all print is in upper case letters.